



Attorney's Docket No. 3477-89

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED OFFICE (DO/US)

In re: Egan et al.
Serial No.: 09/674,237
Filed: July 24, 2001
For: *ESE GENES AND PROTEINS*

Group: 1642
Examiner A. Caputa
Date: November 4, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Response to Incomplete Restriction Requirement

Sir:

Applicants are responding to the Restriction Requirement dated October 2, 2002 in connection with the above-reference application. Applicants respectfully submit that the Restriction Requirement is incomplete in that it does not address all of the pending claims.

The Restriction Requirement restricts Claims 1-49 into thirty-one groups of claims. Claims 1-58 are currently pending in this application as indicated on the Office Action Summary sheet; however, Claims 50-58 (added by Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the application) are not substantively addressed.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that a new Restriction Requirement be issued, addressing Claims 1-58. It is further requested that the period for reply be reset following the issuance of the new Restriction Requirement in the present Restriction Requirement.

Applicants' representative discussed this matter with Examiner Caputa on November 1, 2002. Examiner Caputa suggested that this response be filed requesting that a new Restriction Requirement be issued and that the time period for reply be reset.

Applicants are re-submitting herewith a copy of the Preliminary Amendment adding Claims 50-58 as well as a copy of the returned and dated postcard that accompanied the initial submission of the Preliminary Amendment.

Should the Examiner have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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Preliminary Amendment

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows prior to substantive examination.

In the Specification.

After the title, please insert the following:

--Related Application Information

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 371 from PCT Application No. PCT/CA99/00375, filed April 27, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety, which claims the benefit of Canadian Application Serial No. 2,230,201, filed April 27, 1998 and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/118,739, filed February 5, 1999, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

In the Claims.

Please amend the claims as follows.

9. (Amended) A recombinant vector comprising the isolated nucleic acid of claim 1 [any of the preceding claims].

19. (Amended) A process for recombinantly producing murine Ese1 protein comprising culturing a host cell comprising a recombinant vector comprising